



For Residents of Paremata, Papakowhai, Mana & Camborne

Newsletter - October 2024

The Paremata Residents Association's role is to be a voice for the residents and ratepayers in the suburbs of Paremata, Papakowhai, Mana and the southern side of Camborne. This area is recognised by Porirua City Council as Paremata Village, one of the 14 villages of Porirua.

The Association's objectives are to:

- Work on behalf of the residents of Paremata and surrounding areas on matters affecting their interests
- Protect and promote the residential, social, recreational and environmental amenities of this area for the benefit of both residents and visitors
- Pursue matters of wider interest affecting Paremata residents, and liaise or affiliate with other community-based groups on matters of common interest
- Oppose any development or activity considered detrimental to the above objects, including the lodging of any objection, petition, or appeal or taking part in any process relating to such matters.

2023/24 was a year dominated by written and oral submissions on plans and proposals. This included the proposed Porirua District Plan, with its focus on residential intensification; and the long-term plans of Porirua City and Greater Wellington Regional Councils, both having a significant impact on residential rates. We were also involved in consultation and submissions on the proposed Northern Growth area, Plimmerton Farm fast track consent application and Porirua's speed management plan.

In addition, we shared updates on the Papakowhai shared path project, local roadworks and wastewater upgrades; we reported significant water supply leaks; and ensured that missing signage on SH59 was replaced. Our Village Planning Projects included Dolly Varden foreshore and the Ngati Toa domain heritage trail.

2024 AGM

The Paremata Residents Association 2024 AGM was held on 29 August, unfortunately a very wet evening.

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However, despite the weather, attendance was good. Those attending heard an interesting presentation from Pest-Free Porirua on their activities to trap pests like rats and stoats to protect our native bird life. If anyone wants more information on their activities or to find out where to obtain suitable pest traps, please contact them by email at pestfreeporirua@gmail.com.

A second presentation from Kate and Alanah, of Wellington City Council, explained what they were doing to tackle the issue of stray cats. It was surprising to learn how big the problem is, and the impact stray cats can have on native birds. Reducing the number of stray cats has resulted in an increased bird population. If we have the same issue, perhaps Porirua City Council should consider adopting a similar programme.

24/25 Committee

Eight members of the current committee were re-elected together with three new nominees. Officers were appointed at the committee meeting on 12 September. Coralie Morrison and Lorraine Taylor did not stand for re-election. We thank them both for their invaluable contribution to the Association, especially the social media posts.

The new committee comprises:

- Tony Shaw President
- Judi Jones Vice President
- Frank Moes Secretary
- Luke Waghorn Treasurer
- Mark Morrison Media
- Ian Barlow
- Russell Morrison
- John Nichols
- Andy Mallard
- Brett Jones
- John Chester

Life Member Award

Russell Morrison was awarded Life Member of the Association (our first) for outstanding contribution to the Association and our community over many years. This was approved with unanimous support from both the committee and AGM.

Member Subscriptions for 24/25

Member subscriptions alone have not covered the administration costs of the Association. However, donations and the annual contribution from Porirua City Council has resulted in a small surplus over costs. As a result, the AGM accepted the committee's recommendation to keep the annual member subscription at **\$10 per household** for 2024/25.

Membership

The Paremata Residents Association values the ongoing support of our members, who help us to continue working for this community – **and please feel free to suggest to neighbours and local friends that they consider joining. We are very keen to grow our membership – the more households we represent, the stronger our voice for this area.**

Annual Report for 2023/24

Key topics of the annual report were presented at the AGM, and these are covered below. The full report and all AGM documents can be accessed from our website through the following link:

<https://www.paremataresidents.co.nz/index.php?page=Meetings>

Key Topics

- The last year was dominated by consultation – District Plan, Long-term Plans, Northern Growth Area Development, Speed Management, Plimmerton Farm Fast track consent plus others. These submissions take a lot of effort and time but we will continue to be a voice for this community, and will seek feedback from our members when necessary.
- Big increases in council rates is an issue for many this year. We understand that it's necessary to fix our water and waste problems after years of under-expenditure, and it's expensive. Our aim is to be sure our community is getting best value from those rates and that council has considered all sensible options to limit rate rises. We are not convinced that occurred with either Porirua City or Greater Wellington Regional Councils this year. So, we intend to be more involved this coming year.
- The Northern Growth Area development seems to have gone quiet. We supported the concept of a Specified Development Project (SDP) with Kainga Ora, which would provide a masterplan for the entire development area from Plimmerton to Pukerua Bay. But with the Government's change of focus for Kainga Ora, we don't know whether this will now proceed. In the meantime, Plimmerton Farm is looking to move ahead separately through a fast-track consent through the Environmental Protection Agency. We are staying in touch with that application.
- Last year, the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) decided to ignore consultation feedback from this Association and all other stakeholders for some urgent changes to SH1 (now SH59) until a strategic review was completed. Two and a half years after the opening of Transmission Gully Motorway we are still waiting for the results of that review. In the meantime, Mana Esplanade and St Andrews Rd is over-capacity for the traffic volume, the clearways remain unchanged, and the health and safety dangers to residents, pedestrians and motorists continue. We have requested information from NZTA via an Official Information request.
- The Papakowhai shared path project is nearing completion and the sea of red road cones is thankfully receding. The Association has been kept well informed on activities and progress and sought more detail when needed. We have used our Facebook page to let residents know what's happening and planned. Unfortunately, the next part of the project (Whitford Brown/Papakowhai Ave intersection) has fallen victim to cost cutting and will not continue before the 2025 financial year.

Future Communications

We believe communication with all residents in our area is important. It is envisaged that the Association will from now on primarily use emails to inform or seek feedback from residents. If you want to receive our communications, would you please make sure to provide us with your email address – either when paying your membership subscription or by simply sending an email to secretary.parematara@gmail.com asking to be included on our email list. When sending out emails we will use the Bcc address option to ensure individual privacy, and any individual feedback received will remain anonymous.

A Request

The Association is looking at our work programme for 2024/25. We invite you to provide feedback to Secretary.parematara@gmail.com identifying what you see as the key issues affecting our village community and suggest priorities.

[Annual membership subscription details are on the following page](#)

Paying the Annual Subscription

The annual subscription and any donation can be paid by Internet or Phone Banking. Remember your subscription is only **\$10 per household** and will help us to continue working for this community.

Some residents have already paid their annual subscription. If this includes you, we thank you very much for your support.

The Association’s bank account is:

Paremata Residents Association Inc, account number 38-9012-0506915-00

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Or alternatively

- fill in the details on the slip below and post it to our PO Box.

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Thank you for your support
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